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## HOUSE BILL No. 1709

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DIGEST OF HB 1709 (Updated February 12, 2009 10:43 am - DI 116)

**Citations Affected:** IC 11-10.

**Synopsis:** Program to remove inmate tattoos. Provides that if an inmate in the department of correction (DOC) requests to have a tattoo removed before being released from the DOC, the DOC shall pay expenses related to the tattoo removal and provide the tattoo removal before the inmate's release date.

**Effective:** July 1, 2009.

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### Turner, Welch, Smith V, Tincher

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January 22, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on Veterans Affairs and Public Safety.  
February 16, 2009, amended, reported — Do Pass. Referred to Committee on Ways and Means pursuant to Rule 127.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2008 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning corrections.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1       SECTION 1. IC 11-10-12-7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2       AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
3       1, 2009]: **Sec. 7. (a) The department, at least ninety (90) days before**  
4       **a committed offender will be:**

- 5               (1) released on parole;  
6               (2) assigned to a community transition program;  
7               (3) discharged from the department; or  
8               (4) released on probation;

9       **shall offer to the inmate to remove any tattoos on the inmate's**  
10       **body.**

11       **(b) If an inmate requests the department to remove a tattoo on**  
12       **the inmate's body under subsection (a), the department shall pay**  
13       **expenses related to the tattoo removal and provide the tattoo**  
14       **removal before the inmate is:**

- 15               (1) released on parole;  
16               (2) assigned to a community transition program;  
17               (3) discharged from the department; or

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# COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Veterans Affairs and Public Safety, to which was referred House Bill 1709, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 13, delete "all".

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1709 as introduced.)

TINCHER, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 10, nays 0.

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